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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



Veterans International Cambodia in collaboration with EPIC Art Project organized a workshop on mainstreaming people living with disabilities into the world of fine art.

BACKGROUND

The percentage of Cambodians with disabilities is estimated at more than 3 percent of the population. Most are children and adults of working age. The most common causes are due to illness or disease (30 percent); congenital defects (25 percent); accidents (13 percent); war or conflict (13 percent); and landmine explosions (8 percent). With such overwhelming needs, Cambodia's education, health, and social services are inadequate to cope with the special health needs of its citizens.

USAID and the Leahy War Victims Fund have worked actively for the past 12 years to increase the availability of appropriate prosthetics, orthotics and rehabilitative services, to build local capacity to deliver quality services, and to improve the policy environment to supporting the rights and needs of people with disabilities.

USAID SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

Veterans International (VI) manages three rehabilitation centers throughout Cambodia. The centers are located outside Phnom Penh, in Prey Veng Province in the southeast, and in Kratie Province in the northeast. They provide a full range of free services to the disabled, including prosthetic (artificial limbs) and orthotic (braces) devices, physical therapy, and follow-up treatment for those in need in the communities.

VI also provides support for two lecturers at the **Cambodia School of Prosthetics and Orthotics**, a regional center that trains students from the region in making and caring for quality prosthetics and orthotics.

RESULTS TO DATE

- USAID/Cambodia has provided more than \$16.8 million over the past 10 years in support of rehabilitative services through VI. In an effort to ensure future sustainability an endowment will be established.
- USAID and VI are working with other agencies in the sector to strengthen the financial sustainability of the rehabilitation centers.



Disables person learn how to ride a wheelchair, and walk with prosthetics at The Rehabilitation Center in Prey Veng.